



The Real Divine Design

Series: Ephesians, #10

Ephesians 3:14-21

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Theme: **God's design for you is to be spiritually mature.**

God's purpose for you.

To bring glory to God forever. (21)

(see also Isaiah 43:6-7; Matthew 5:16; John 15:8, 17:1-5; Romans 15:5-7;
1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 9:13)

God's goals for you.

1. To be strengthened in the core of your being. (16)
(see also 1:17; 2 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Peter 4:11; Revelation 19:1, 21:23)
2. To have Christ at home in your heart. (17; see also Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27)
3. To comprehend and experience the love of Christ. (17-18; see also Romans 5:5)
4. To be filled up to all the fullness of God. (18-19)
(see also Isaiah 48:8; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 1:23, 4:13; Colossians 3:10)

God's guarantee for you.

1. God is more than able to accomplish His purpose and goals for you. (20, 16)
(see also 3:20, 4:11-13; Philippians 1:6)
2. God is always at work within you. (20, 16)
(see also 1:19; 1 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 2:13)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read 3:14-21. Remember that this prayer is for all believers and is God's design for them, for you. Verse 21 underscores God's purpose for to you to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. Think about those words. Is that really your purpose in life? How do you know if it is or is not?

Tuesday. These section has four goals for you to fulfill your purpose, to be spiritually mature. Check the outline and today focus on the first two—to be strengthened in the core of your being and to have Christ at home in your heart. Why are these two things important? What evidences do you see of growth here?

Wednesday. Read 3:14-21. Check the outline and focus on the second two goals—to comprehend and experience the love of Christ and to be filled up to all the fullness of God. After thinking this over, write out your own paraphrase of these two goals. As you did yesterday, identify evidences of growth in these goals.

Thursday. What God designs and directs He is more than able to accomplish. He never gives up on any of His children—He has never given up on you, and He never will. You can be sure that “that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.” (Philippians 1:6, NLT). Thank and praise Him for this, and live with confidence today.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at *Crossing the Bridge*, from 4:1-6. Read and think through this passage in preparation for our time together.